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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PINT, CH  
SUBJ: FEI I-MIN COMMENTS ON PRC LEADERSHIP

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN HARNED HOOSE CALLED AT CONGEN JUNE 20 AND DESCRIBED A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH "TA KUNG PAO" PUBLISHER FEI I-MIN AND AN "ADVISOR" TO "TA KUNG PAO". CHANG CHIH-CHIN (1728/4477/3830). ACCORDING TO HOOSE, HE WAS TOLD THAT TENG HSIAO-PING WILL BE RESTORED TO POSITIONS AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY, PREMIER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION. QUESTIONED CLOSELY ABOUT THE CLAIM THAT TENG WOULD BECOME PREMIER, HOOSE STATED THAT HIS TWO INTERLOCUTORS WERE ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT TENG IS NOW FUNCTIONING DE FACTO IN THESE CAPACITIES AND THE DECISIONS WOULD BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AT THE PARTY CONGRESS WHICH FEI SAID WOULD TAKE PLACE "BEFOE OCTOBER 1."

2. HOOSE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING IS STILL "VERY WELL", AND THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IS UNDER HIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTION WITH SU YU AS HIS DEPUTY. ACCORDING TO FEI, SU YU IS SLATED TO BECOME DEFENSE MINISTER. FEI AND CHANG ALSO SAID THAT LO CHI'ING-CH'ANG, FORMER STAFF ASSISTANT TO  
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CHOU EN-LAI, IS NOW THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE STATE COUNCIL. LO WAS SAID TO BE AN EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN THE PRESENT REGIME.

3. COMMENT: IF ACCURATELY REPORTED, FEI'S COMMENTS ON TENG ARE SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS THAT MJAOR LEADERSHIP DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED AND THE TENG

PROBLEM RESOLVED. THIS MESSAGE IS EXDIS BECAUSE  
HOOSE IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO PROTECT HIS RELATIONSHIP  
WITH FEI AND CHANG CHIH-CHIN.  
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